

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3-12 and 14-22 are presently active in this application, Claims 1, 3, 7, 9-12, 14, 18, 20 and 21 having been amended, Claims 2, 8, 13 and 19 canceled, and Claims 22-23 added by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action Claim 1 was objected to as including informalities requiring correction; Claims 1-11 were rejected to under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite; Claims 1-2, 9-10, 12-13 and 20-21 were rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Amar et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,522,274); Claim 11 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Amar et al in view of Best (U.S. Patent No. 4,168,396); Claims 3-8 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 USC §112, second paragraph; and Claims 14-19 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but otherwise allowable if rewritten in independent form.

In response to the objection to Claim 1 and the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, the informalities identified have been corrected herewith. To that end, amended Claim 1 has been rewritten to state “a second device connected to the said first and configured to transmit/receive a signal”. Furthermore, Claim 1 has been amended to correct the “second selector” limitation as follows; “the second selector inputs a switch signal of the same value as the switch signal that the first selector inputs.” Accordingly, the objection and rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, are believed to have been overcome.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication that Claims 3-8 and 14-19 contain allowable subject matter. In light of this indication, submitted herewith are new Claims 22-23 which correspond to original Claims 3 and 14 rewritten in independent form.

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Claim 1 has been amended to include the features of Claim 8, and Claim 8 has been canceled. Allowable Claim 3 has been amended to be in independent form and further to include the features stated in Claim 2, and Claim 2 has been canceled. Claim 12 has been amended to include the features stated in allowable Claim 19, and Claim 19 has been canceled. Claim 14 has been amended to be in independent form and to include the features stated in Claim 13, and Claim 13 has been canceled. In view of these changes, and in view of the indication of allowable subject matter, the amended claims are believed to be allowable.

The outstanding Office Action does not acknowledge that the Information Disclosure Statement filed March 26, 2001 has been considered. A copy of this IDS is attached, as is a copy of a date stamped filing receipt indicating its filing on March 26, 2001. Acknowledgement on the record that Japanese patent publication 6-083200) has been considered is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, in view of the present amendment, and subject to acknowledgement of the IDS filed March 26, 2001, the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

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